GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:195
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2002
FOREIGN VISITS OF OFFICIALS
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officials of the Ministry who visited abroad between the period from April 01,2001 to January 31, 2002;

(b) the countries to which they visited alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the total expenditure incurred on these tours;

(d) whether the visits were essential; and

(e) if not, the details of reasons for which these tours were conducted?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): 11 (Eleven).

(b): Country Visited Reasons

1. Netherlands - 33rd session of Codex Commiittee on Pesticides
2-7th April, 2001 Residue

2. Nepal - 8th meeting of SAARC Food Security Reserve
10-11th April, 2001 Board

3. U.K.(London) - International Grains Council (IGC) Executive
8th May, 2001 Committee Meeting

4. Iraq - Discussion with Grain Board of Iraq as member of
17-25th May, 2001 Indian delegation.

5. U.K.(London) - 13th Session and Annual Conference of
11-14th June, 2001 International Grains Council (IGC)

6. Thailand (Phuket) - Conference on South Asian Wheat Buyers.
25-27th June, 2001

7. Switzerland (Geneva) - 24th session of Codex Alimentarius Commission
2-7th July, 2001

8. U.K. (London) - Special Meeting of Administrative Committee
9-10th July, 2001 International Sugar Organisation (ISO)

9. Nepal (Kathmandu) - India Nepal JS level talks for review of the Indo-
3-4th November, 2001 Nepal Trade Treaty

10. Italy (Rome) - FAO (Food & Agriculture Organisation)
5-7th November, 2001 Conference

11. U.K. (London) - International Sugar Council Session
30th November, 2001

(c): Rs. 10.96,686.00 (Excluding accommodation, transport charges etc. debit claims of which are yet to be received from the Ministry of External Affairs).

(d): Yes, sir.

(e): Does not arise.